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Dear Attorney General Bondi:

Why is the Department of Justice (DOJ) violating the First Amendment by coercing big tech to block access to lawful apps that the American people use to record, report, and monitor the actions of our own government officers?

Over the last year, President Trump's anti-immigration crackdown has unleashed violence and death on the streets of communities all over our country, endangering the public and officers alike.¹ In response, members of the public have relied on apps to report and share information about Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) activity in their communities.

These apps are perfectly lawful. The First Amendment guarantees the people the right to record, report, discuss, and criticize the actions of our government—including the deployment of federal agents in their communities. The courts have long recognized that, “access to information regarding public police activity is particularly important because it leads to citizen discourse on public issues....”² Yet, this Administration has relentlessly attacked the developers and users of these tools as part of a shocking and lawless effort to cover up the truth about ICE and CBP's actions.³

Americans exercising their First Amendment rights to document ICE and CBP actions have been beaten up, shot, and killed by their government. Just last month, two Americans in Minneapolis—Renée Good and Alex Pretti—who were lawfully observing and recording ICE

¹ See, e.g., *US: Excessive Force Against LA Protestors*, HUMAN RIGHTS WATCH (Aug. 18, 2025), <https://www.hrw.org/news/2025/08/18/us-excessive-force-against-la-protesters>; Jon Schuppe & Erik Ortiz, *Trump's DHS Has Shot 12 People During Immigration Enforcement Operations Since September. Here's What to Know.*, NBC NEWS (Jan. 25, 2026), <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/ice-shootings-list-border-patrol-trump-immigration-operations-rcna254202>.

² *Fields v. City of Philadelphia*, 862 F.3d 353 (3d Cir. 2017).

³ Nick Beake & Joshua Cheetham, *Can the US Government Ban Apps That Track ICE Agents?*, BBC NEWS (Oct. 3, 2025), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2lxwxnx2zo>.

and CBP operations were accosted, assaulted, and gunned down by Department of Homeland Security (DHS) agents. After they were killed, DHS and Administration officials tried to deflect responsibility and smear the victims, falsely labeling them “domestic terrorists” and claiming that Ms. Good⁴ and Mr. Pretti⁵ were attacking law enforcement. Eyewitness accounts and video footage captured on cell phone cameras exposed the Administration’s lies and propaganda, setting the record straight about these unjustified killings.⁶

At your instigation, numerous ICE-reporting apps have been removed from critical distribution channels such as the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.⁷ One example is ICEBlock, described as “WAZE but for ICE sightings,”⁸ created to alert users to ICE activity in their proximity and allowing users to geolocate and describe ICE activities in real time. Users are able to place a marker on a map to indicate where agents were observed and can include optional details such as officers’ vehicles or attire.⁹ The developer’s intention was to enable individuals to avoid confrontations with ICE,¹⁰ which he feared would “expos[e] immigrants and citizens alike to violence and rampant violations of their civil liberties.”¹¹

ICEBlock successfully completed Apple’s internal approval process to be included in the Apple App Store in April 2025.¹² But on October 2, 2025, DOJ reached out to Apple “demanding they remove the ICEBlock app from their App Store and they did so.”¹³ Apple removed this and similar apps “just hours” after they were contacted by DOJ.¹⁴ You also threatened the developer of this lawful app, warning: “we are looking at him, and he better watch

⁴ Richard Luscombe, *Trump Administration Unleashes Torrent of Untruths After Woman Shot Dead by ICE*, THE GUARDIAN (Jan. 9, 2026), <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/jan/09/white-house-minneapolis-ice-killing>.

⁵ Ximena Bustillo, *Internal Review Contradicts White House Narrative of Pretti’s Death*, NPR (Jan. 28, 2026), <https://www.npr.org/2026/01/27/g-s1-107608/alex-pretti-death-internal-review-immigration>.

⁶ Mark Scheffler, *Videos and Accounts Undermine DHS’s Explanation of Minneapolis ICE Shooting*, N.Y. TIMES (Jan. 26, 2026), <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/26/insider/minneapolis-ice-shooting-videos-investigation.html>; Amanda Watford, *Footage, Documents at Odds with DHS Accounts of Immigration Enforcement Incidents*, STATELINE (Jan. 23, 2026), <https://stateline.org/2026/01/23/footage-documents-at-odds-with-dhs-accounts-of-immigration-enforcement-incidents/>.

⁷ Wyatt Grantham-Philips, Matt O’Brien, & Kelvin Chan, *Apple and Google Block Apps That Crowdfund ICE Sightings. Some Warn of Chilling Effects*, ASSOC. PRESS (Oct. 3, 2025), <https://apnews.com/article/apple-ice-iphone-app-immigration-fb6a404d3e977516d66d470585071bcc>.

⁸ ICEBlock, <https://www.iceblock.app/> (last visited Jan. 29, 2026).

⁹ Clare Duffy, *‘I Wanted to Do Something to Fight Back’: This iPhone App Alerts Users to Nearby ICE Sightings*, CNN (June 30, 2025), <https://www.cnn.com/2025/06/30/tech/iceblock-app-trump-immigration-crackdown>.

¹⁰ Callum Sutherland, *ICEBlock, an iPhone App Intended to Alert Users of Nearby ICE Sightings, Comes Under Fire*, TIME (June 30, 2025), www.iceblock.app/media/timemagazine-06-30-2025.pdf.

¹¹ Compl. para. 4, *Joshua Aaron and All U Chart, Inc. v. Bondi, et al.*, No. 1:25-cv-04250-DLF (D.D.C. Dec. 8, 2025), <https://www.courtlistener.com/docket/72003579/1/aaron-v-bondi/>.

¹² Nick Beake & Joshua Cheatham, *Can the US government Ban Apps That Track ICE Agents?*, BBC (Oct. 2, 2025), <https://www.bbc.com/news/articles/c2lxwxnx2zo>.

¹³ Ashley Oliver, *Apple Takes Down ICE Tracking Apps After Pressure from Bondi DOJ*, FOX BUSINESS (Oct. 2, 2025), <https://www.foxbusiness.com/politics/apple-takes-down-ice-tracking-app-after-pressure-from-ag-bondi>.

¹⁴ Wyatt Grantham-Philips, Matt O’Brien, & Kelvin Chan, *Apple and Google Block Apps That Crowdfund ICE Sightings. Some Warn of Chilling Effects*, ASSOC. PRESS (Oct. 3, 2025), <https://apnews.com/article/apple-ice-iphone-app-immigration-fb6a404d3e977516d66d470585071bcc>.

out, because that's not a protected speech."¹⁵ You have even gone after news organizations like CNN for even mentioning ICEBlock. According to DHS Secretary Kristi Noem, DHS is working with DOJ on a potential criminal prosecution of CNN just for reporting on ICEBlock.¹⁶

And your threats have worked in getting tech companies to participate in this effort to silence the American people. Shortly after you boasted of coercing Apple, Google removed similar apps from its Play Store.¹⁷ One of the applications that Google removed is Red Dot, which served as an Android equivalent of ICEBlock.¹⁸ And Apple has continued to remove lawful apps from its App Store. Eyes Up is a public video repository which "document[s] immigration enforcement activity" so that "communities can shine a light on abuses, verify events, and mobilize support."¹⁹ The application does not perform any real-time tracking—its goal was simply government accountability,²⁰ which is now patently more important than ever after the recent killings of Ms. Good and Mr. Pretti. Yet Eyes Up was also recently removed. The administrator of Eyes Up, who fears retaliation, offered a candid assessment of your efforts to take down his app: "the [Trump] admin is just embarrassed by how many incriminating videos we have."²¹

The coercion and censorship campaign, which ultimately targets the users of ICE-monitoring applications, is a clear effort to silence this Administration's critics and suppress any evidence that would expose the Administration's lies, including its Orwellian attempts to cover up the murders of Renée and Alex.

In light of these important concerns, please provide the following information and documents as soon as possible, but no later than 5:00 pm on February 19, 2026. This request is for records from January 20, 2025, to the present:

1. All documents or communications between any employee of DOJ and any employee of Apple, Inc., Alphabet, Inc., or any of their corporate subsidiaries including App Store, Inc. and Google, Inc., relating to Eyes Up, ICEBlock, or Red Dot, or any other application that functions to crowdsource sightings of ICE and CBP agents.

¹⁵ Ashley Carnahan, *Attorney General Pam Bondi Warns ICEBlock App Developer to 'Watch Out,' Says DOJ Is 'Looking at Him,'* FOX NEWS (July 1, 2025), <https://www.foxnews.com/media/attorney-general-pam-bondi-warns-iceblock-app-developer-watch-out-says-doj-looking-him>.

¹⁶ Giselle Ruhyyih Ewing, *Trump Administration Threats (sic) CNN with Prosecution*, POLITICO (July 1, 2025), <https://www.politico.com/news/2025/07/01/kristi-noem-cnn-prosecution-00435445>.

¹⁷ Ian Carlos Campbell, *Google Is Also Removing Apps Used to Report Sightings of ICE Agents*, ENGADGET (Oct. 3, 2025), <https://www.engadget.com/apps/google-is-also-removing-apps-used-to-report-sightings-of-ice-agents-192940612.html>.

¹⁸ *Id.*

¹⁹ Eyes Up, Kreisau Group LLC, GOOGLE PLAY, <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.anonymous.vemosiceapp> (last visited Jan. 29, 2026).

²⁰ Ian Carlos Campbell, *Apple Removed an App That Archives Videos of ICE Arrests*, ENGADGET (Oct. 8, 2025), <https://www.engadget.com/apps/apple-removed-an-app-that-archives-videos-of-ice-arrests-212946540.html>.

²¹ *Id.*

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2. All documents or communications within DOJ or between any employee of DOJ and any employee of the White House or DHS relating to Eyes Up, ICEBlock, or Red Dot, or any other application that functions to crowdsource sightings of ICE and CBP agents.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,



Jamie Raskin
Ranking Member

cc: The Honorable Jim Jordan, Chairman